From: Sent: To: Subject: Reaching Out Adoption [wieschhaus@yahoo.com] Wednesday, December 10, 2003 5:33 PM adoptionregs@state.gov Hague Comments

To Whom It May Concern: .

We are adoptive parents of two wonderful children from Russia. We have been blessed with the opportunity to adopt internationally. We have read your proposed regulations and would like to make a few comments. We would ask that you consider the costs that your regulations may have on adoption agencies, specifically the liability insurance requirements. Adoption is very expensive already and we just ask that you not impose more costs on adoptive parents. Any high insurance costs that agencies have to pay will be passed onto the adoptive parents. So, please, limit the costs that agencies will inour so that these needy children can continue to find homes. We also feel like the regulations should not impose too much costs on the agencies so that small agencies can exist. Smaller agencies often are more family friendly and responsive to the individual needs of ch family. Please allow these smaller entities to ist along with social workers who are exempt from te regulations. We would also like to see a way for new agencies to start up. We are a country that honors entrepreneurs and small businesses. Many agencies start from adoptive parents who have a passion for the children they see in the orphanages. Please allow these passionate people to assist in adoption of more children by allowing new agencies to exist.

Thank you so much for your consideration of our comments. If you would like to reach us, feel free to email us at wieschhaus@yahoo.com or call 636-255-0554.

Many blessings,

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